

SATURDAY . . . DECEMBER 28, '07.

THE POOR OLD YEAR.



Hit Him Again. He's Got No Friends.

GOOD-BY, OLD YEAR.

By Clifford Kane Stout, Good-by, Old Year, your mission ends
With midnight chimes and all is done;
The records writ with joy or less,
The deeds fulfilled and guerdons won
Are hung as trophies round thy rime,
And thou are named with olden time.

Forevermore; oh, fateful past,
That saw so much no law can change;
Beginning and the end of things
That were to be, the new and strange,
The old and worn and bloom and blight,
Passed to the dark or born to light.

And, oh, for some happy year: Sweet wedding bells rang joyously; Old friends clasped hands and strangers

And sunshine fell so glad and free On buoyant youth, and smiles were fair, And laughter bantered pain and care.

Some tears must fall in every year:
Your portion came when grief had set
A badge of mourning on the hearts
Of some whese love could not forget,
And hopefully, without dismay,
They covered friends of yesterday.

Good-by, Old Year; we regret the New; When we recall your gifts and cost May then a double portion show Thy favors won o'er which was lost. Good-by! A hand at parting; then





is just as we were getting comfortably used to the idea that summer had really gone.

Busy people neverhave time to dwell very much on the passing of the sea-The days are so full of

asks and Father Time is always catching up and getting ahead of us in spite of his ad-

vanced age. It is always the same old story! Spring surprises us with its blos-

soms and its bursting brooks and then summer has come and gone before we Very few of us stop to think that

this swiftness of time in its passing indicates that we are really living rather than lolling through life. It is only when the days hang upon

our hands that we know how blessed are those other times when we have to make lists of the many things we have to do and get up early mornings to begin them.

Of course we are likely to complain that we get so little done, especially at this time, when the calendars tell us that another 365 days have become a part of yesterday's 7,000 years.

We look back regretfully and repine that we have so little to record in the way of achievement, beyond the mere act of living from day to day and from week to week.

But living in the right spirit, striving, if not always accomplishing and completing the tasks we set ourselves,

is nothing to regret. It comes near to that simple life that sounds so grand and inspiring when it is lived in the woods, but

which is quite as fine when lived in a big city.

There is no doubt that when we try to set up standards of happiness and contentment and peace at the close of a year that has had its rifts of sunshine and its stretches of shade, that it is impossible to put wealth, or fame, or success, personal popularity, beauty or even health itself forward as the

great, good thing that makes life worth living. The thing that counts is the ability and the desire to feel an interest in things, in events and persons-in the

game of life itself All the other blessings pall unless that interest remains. It is very close-

youth, of vitality, of life,

old year has brought us.

yet a stranger to us.

than we deserved.

der way.

well.

we are all wrong.

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and the true goal.

with new true eyes.

path to right living

ness to get to the light.

make it and how we take it.

It has become the general practice to speed the departure of the old year with every bullets. with every indication of rejoicing, welcoming in the new with acclaim and expressions of catisfaction.

It is natural and wholesome to look

forward, but those of us who wish to

to omit our complaints of the luck the

In truth, the new year will be to a

great extent like the old-what we

earth of which we are a small part.

With all his faults we know him for

We can hope and believe that all

good things will come with him, but

iet us avoid the hackneyed congratu-

lation on the passing of a twelve-

month that probably treated us better

The dawning of another January is

themselves into rash promises, usually

broken before the new year is well un-

from youth to old age making these

good resolutions every 3ist of Decem

ber, finding themselves each year further from perfection than ever.

Good resolutions are not so preva-

lent, or at least not so noisy as they

They have become popular material

Nevertheless, the close of a year is

a capital time for a look back, a retro-

spect in which we can see the faults

that are on the mend with us, or the

ones that have persevered and grown

sprung up which does not promise

At all events if we are able to get

a new view of our characters as

though a searchlight had been thrown

in on our souls, we are in a fair way

It is only when we blindly consider

It is only when we blindly consider

ourselves as right in everything that

So if your look back shows you mis-

takes and errors and misbeliefs, be

glad that the New Year gives you a clean slate to try for the right road

Be thankful for the mental perspec

There is no need of making resolu-

exchange in a bonch for one noble sin

but there are no exchanges of that sort

in life's big garden, crowding, jarring,

vertopping one another in their eager

Maybe the old year has been a good

Perhaps it brought you back with

a short, sharp shock from a too arro gant happiness or an overconfident suc

arms reached out to the sky.

Be glad!

friend in some special instances that

or we should all be noble sinners.

tive when you see it with clear sight-

for the comic papers and everybody

used to be at this time.

knows what a joke they are.

Never to make little of our own. Helping Some. Yeast-Are you doing your share to

To meet the world with a smile.

vision that will teach us to discern the

May it leave us our beliefs and our

Teach us to love more and to hate

To be content with the blessings that

To cultivate sweetness and good na-

To stifle criticism of things and peo-

ture rather than exclusiveness.

false from the true.

not at all.

we have.

make the world brighter? Crimsonbeak-Sure thing, I'm pay ly akin to health for it is a part of month!-Youkers Statesman. ing for about 8,000 feet of gas

Governor Hughes Would Not Decline Nomination.

include the brick of gratitude in the building of our characters should learn HIS STATEMENT TO SENATOR SAXE

New York State's Executive In Letter Declares That He Is Practically "In the Hands of His Friends."

Things will happen in accordance with the same laws that guide this big ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- Governor Hughes made public his correspond So we can greet 1908 in a calm and ence with Senator Martin Saxe regard happy manner, rather than with any ing possible action by the New York manifestations of frenzied joy at its county Republican committee in indorsing the governor for the presicoming, and let us have the good manners to speed our parting guest, 1907, dential nomination. Mr. Saxe's letter

"It is my purpose at the next meetwhat he was and the new year is as ing of the Republican county commit tee to offer a resolution to the effect that it is the belief of the committee that the Republican voters generally throughout the county of New York desire your name presented for president at the national convention. In doing so I am only attempting to give formal expression to the sentiment invariably the time for what are called lican party throughout the state may have official notice of it. However, as I do not wish to pursue any course which may be distasteful to you per-That was the old-fashioned way of of those who are in your confidence I sonally or embarrassing to the plans expressing an inclination to reform will appreciate some expression from one's bad habits and people kept on you which will guide me in the circumstances.'

ceived. I do not think it proper for me to make any suggestion as to what the county committee should do or should not do. I stated my attitude in my speech before the Republican club, and by that I stand. It is of the highest importance that the work of the administration shall be disinterested, selection or vote of delegates. I as sume that the party representatives will take such action, whatever it may be, as they believe to be best. They Maybe some new tendency has have their duty, and I have mine. 1 think my position is clearly under

DECISION AGAINST AHEARN.

Hughes' Dismissal of New York President Stands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.-Justice Green baum. In the supreme court, dismissed ourselves as right in everything that rected against the mayor and county clerk and stayed action by the mayor pending a hearing on them. Mayor McClellan declared that as

soon as he received official notice of Justice Greenbaum's decision dissolving the injunction in the Abearn case he would call a special meeting of the Manhattan aldermen to elect a new borough president.

tions, for right seeing means right thinking and right thinking is the Mayor McClellan, it is said, favors for president of Manhattan borough Henry S. Thomnson, 1 25 succeeded Perhaps , our taults are those mean William Datton in the reau of publittle ones which you would like to

The Kniser Is Home Again. POTSDAM, Dec. 16.-Emperor Wil-The petty faults are the thorus that liam arrived at the New palace, recluster round some of the finest roses turning from his visits to the king of England and the queen of the Nether-

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

lands.

Closing Stock Quotations. Money on call firm at 10 to 12 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 8 per cent; ex-changes, \$148,657,668; balances, \$8,353,496, Closing prices; Amal. Copper... 43% N. Y. Central... 28%

Be glad of that jar, even though it kept you stirred up for awhile.

Perhaps the past 12 months have healed some breach or brought some ship home, the white sails of which you have been watching wistfully for months or years far out at sea.

Be glad of that.

Perhaps some millstone has fallen from you and you stand free at last on the great highway with long, manacled arms reached out to the sky.

Amal. Copper. 43% N. Y. Central. 93% Atchison. 70 Norf. & West. 64

Be do... 80 Penn. R. 110%

Brooklyn R. T. 37% Reading. 89%

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Southern Ry. 12%

Erie. 15% Southern Ry. 12%

Gen. Electric. 111% Sugar. 96%

III. Central. 122 Texas Pacific. 19

Lackawanna. 40

Louis & Nash. 89% U. S. Steel pf. 36%

Manhattan. 118% U. S. Steel pf. 36%

Missouri Pac. 47%

Or peace has settled on a troubled ocean and you can greet the sunrise with a smile and a prayer of thankfulness for another day.

Maybe there is a cradle in one corner of your home this New Year's eve with a most important guest cuddled in down blankets and rose-leaf palms upturned for your kisses.

No need to tell you to be glad.

New York Markets.

FLOUR—Steady, with a light inquiry: Minnesota patents, \$5.005.0; winter patents, \$2.005.0; winter patents,

upturned for your kisses.

No need to tell you to be glad.

Or success has come to crown some effort at which you have totled rather wearily, hardly daring to hope.

Or if it has been withheld, be glad that you have nevertheless tried. It will all come to you some day.

The old year has taught us lessons.

Let us profit by them and enter into the new armed with experience rather than plunge into it as though it were a rose garden.

It is quite as full of danger and conflict and clouds as the old friend that is going.

Let us wish it will have even us much sunshine and gladness and joy.

We can meet it with splendid hope and lively faith—for those two qualities are what make our dreams come true.

Let us cherish a few good hopes that it may bring us the things we stand in need of—health, happiness, good friends success, joy and the clear vision that will teach us to discern the false from the true.

Live Stock Markets.

Live Stock Markets. CATTLE-Receipts light; market slow; choice, \$5.30\( \text{g6.56}\); prime, \$10\( \text{g6.35}\); veal calves, \$7\( \text{g7.56}\).

HOGS-Receipts fair and active; market higher; prime heavies, mediums and heavy Yorkers, \$4.55\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.75\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.75\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.75\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.75\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.80\( \text{g6}\); light Yorkers, \$4.80\( \text{g6}\); market steady; prime wethers, \$4.80\( \text{g6}\); sulls and common, \$1.50\( \text{g2.56}\); lambs, \$50\( \text{g7.}\)

We never have been able to understand why a woman says "Oh, you caught me without anything on," when visitors suddenly drop in on her .- Milwaukee Sentinel.

An Observation. When a man has no one to blame but himself, he doesn't do much kicking.-Detroit Free Press.



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